

AGENDA

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

Room 102, State Capitol Building, Helena, MT

8:00 a.m., Friday, February 8, 2002

- 8:00 a.m. I. **Call to Order - Roll Call** - Senator McCarthy, Chair
- 8:05 a.m. II. **Adoption of Minutes**
- 8:10 a.m. III. **Administrative Matters** - Mr. Everts
- 8:15 a.m. IV. **Subcommittee Reports:**
A. Coal Bed Methane/Water Policy Subcommittee
B. Energy Policy Subcommittee
C. Agency Oversight/MEPA Subcommittee
- 9:00 a.m. V. **Natural Resource Information System Presentation** - Jim Hill, NRIS Staff
- 10:00 a.m. VI. **Update on state Wildfire Suppression Costs** - Gary Hamel LFC staff
- 10:20 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:35 a.m. VII. **Landowner's Perspective on Coal Bed Methane Development** - Mr. Clint McRae, Northern Plains Resource Council
- 11:05 a.m. VIII. **Understanding the Science of Water and Soils in Relation to Coal Bed Methane Development**
- Mr. John Wheaton, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology
- Dr. Jim Bauder, Montana State University
- 1:05 p.m. IX. **Confirm Location of Next Meeting and Instructions to Staff**
- 1:10 p.m. X. **Adjourn**